

Say Yes Buffalo Partnership

Student Focused Services & Supports Remove Barriers to Academic Achievement



What Was Implemented 2012 - Present:

- Created collaborative governance model to engage community at all levels from grassroots to government & business
- Tuition college scholarships available to Buffalo public & charter graduates
- Embedded financial aid (FAFSA) and college application help into all high schools
- Child welfare preventive specialists embedded at all public schools through partnership with County Social Services
- All students enrolled in Student Management System to monitor college readiness and signal interventions as needed
- Mental health clinics embedded into 75% of schools to increase access to services
- Embedded free legal clinics at 5 schools across the city to resolve non-criminal matters
- Developed quality after school programming framework; working to bring it to scale
- Secured multi-year partnership and funding commitment from school district and City for summer programming (PreK-6) through 2021
- Launched scholar mentoring program to support students making transition from high school to college & beyond
- Creating internship program to give scholars paid professional experience & opportunities
- Launching mobile health units to provide health screenings & care at schools and in community
- Creating programs to ensure students graduate able to take college level coursework

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Measuring Success

1. Impact Dashboard (big-picture indicators)

Indicator	Trends*
K-12 Enrollment	2,000 student increase 2012 - 2015
K-12 Attendance	3 percentage point improvement 2012-2013
K-12 Disciplinary Suspensions	1 percentage point improvement 2012 - 2013
K-12 Academic Markers - ELA, Math, Regents	not yet available
SAT and ACT Scores	not yet available
FAFSA Completion Rates	not yet available
High School Graduation Rates (public & charter)	7 percentage point increase for public and 6 percentage point increase for charter students 2012 - 2014
Postsecondary Matriculation Rates	9 percentage point improvement 2012 - 2014
Postsecondary Persistence Rates	not yet available
Postsecondary Completion Rates	not yet available

2. Program Dashboard (measuring program efficacy)

Indicator	Trends
Attendance for students receiving supports (e.g., preventive, mental health, health, legal, etc.)	4 percentage point increase 2014-15 school year (<i>preventive program only</i>)
Disciplinary suspensions for students receiving supports (e.g., preventive, mental health, health, legal, etc.)	not yet available
Academic scores for students receiving supports and/or who participate in after/summer school	not yet available
Matriculation and persistence for students receiving FAFSA and other college guidance	not yet available
Persistence and college completion for students participating in mentoring program	not yet available

*Data from NYSED School District Report Cards Accessed April 2015